

SEP 8 1953

The Honorable  
The Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Mr. James C. Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President, furnished this Agency with a copy of a proposed Executive Order covering classification of security information and asked that any suggestions be forwarded to the Attorney General.

The following paragraph is proposed as an addition to Section 2. of page 2.

"(d) The Head of any department or agency in paragraphs (a) to (c) above may authorize officials of such agency to impose an appropriate temporary classification on sensitive items of defense or intelligence information which they encounter in the course of their duties, such temporary classification to cover the period of transmittal of the information from the official to the Head of the agency."

The foregoing addition is submitted to afford protection to intelligence sources in situations which occasionally do occur, such as:

An official of the Export-Import Bank or the U. S. Tariff Commission uncovers a sensitive item of financial or economic intelligence in the course of negotiations. The official might be abroad at the time and the means of transmittal should follow the appropriate channel of communication of classified information from this official to the Head of the agency.

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Officers of the following Departments and Agencies occasionally may encounter sensitive information in the field which requires temporary protection in transmittal to the agency Head:

Civil Aeronautics Board  
Federal Communications Commission  
Panama Canal Company  
Post Office Department  
Veterans Administration  
Selective Service System

Sincerely,

C. P. Cabell  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Acting Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE ACTING DIRECTOR

The attached letter has been prepared in response to the request of Mr. James C. Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President, for suggestions regarding a proposed Executive Order covering the classification of security information.

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Acting Deputy Director  
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